#### FROM THE MAILBAG

#### Yankee-Doodle Cake

Dear Aunt Daisv.

Do you think any of our readers could: supply a recipe for a Yankee-Doodle cake? The one I tasted was a sponge sandwich with a cup of minced raisins in it, also some hot milk.

"Rewi," Castle Rock.

-. Here is my Yankee-Doodle recipe. The milk is not specified as hot. Half a cup butter or other shortening; 11/2 cups flour; I small cup sugar; 1/2 cup milk; 2 eggs; 1 cup raisins (put through mincer); 1/2 teaspoon baking soda. Beat butter and sugar, add eggs well beaten, then flour, raisins, and lastly milk in which toda has been dissolved. Mix raisins in well. Cook in sandwich tins in moderate oven about 30 minutes. Join with cream filling or dissolve a good knob of butter in a little boiling water and add icing sugar to make into rich filling-add a little vanilla and chopped walnuts. Also ice top and sprinkle with flakes. A little rum essence can be added to the raisins (or real rum)-they sink to the bottom while cooking.

### Stained Bath Problem

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I am about to move into another house and I noticed, when looking through it the other day, that the bath is badly stained-quite yellowish at the bottom and around the lower sides. The previous occupant had been obliged to do her household washing in the bath, which may have something to do with it. What would you suggest? "Carterton."

Perhaps it is an enamelled bath, and the enamel is wearing thin, so that the iron is beginning to show through. In that case, you can only keep on just cleaning it. Re-enamelling at home is sometimes successful, but not always; when done professionally, the several coats of enamel are baked on at very high heat. However, try giving your bath a good cleaning with a paste made of kerosene and whiting or kerosene and a good brand of soap-powder. Rub hard, and afterwards rinse well; and then complete the job by putting a thickish layer or plaster of the paste over all the stained parts, and leaving it on for as many hours as you can spare the bath. Then wash it off, and you should find the yellowish look nearly gone. You may have to persevere with this treatment at frequent intervals. Another very good idea (for enamelled sinks and therefore it should work with baths) is to leave a few inches of water standing overnight, in the bath with a little chloride of lime, first well dissolved, in it; or chlorogene, which is safe and ready to use; or a certain brand of washing powder. This has whitened my own old sink, without damaging it. bad stains generally come off with a paste made of cream of tartar and peroxide, left on for a few hours.

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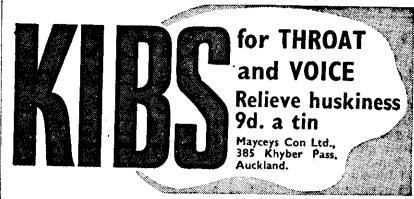
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